

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
October 12th, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Board of Trustees was held on October 12th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room at River Forest Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: President Adduci, Trustees Brennan, Bachner, Gillis, O'Connell, Vazquez, and Village Clerk Castellano

Absent: Trustee Keskitalo

Also Present: Village Attorney Lance Malina, Village Administrator Matt Walsh, Assistant Village Administrator Jessica Spencer, Fire Chief Tom Gaertner, Director of Public Works and Engineering Jack Bielak, Police Chief James Greenwood, Deputy Police Chief Michael Swierczynski, Finance Director Rosemary McAdams, Assistant Finance Director KeKe Boyer. HR Manager Trish Ivansek, and Deputy Clerk Luke Masella.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Adduci led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ken Kramer thanked the Village and its staff for their work on behalf of the community, particularly their efforts opposing the proposed O'Hare Flyer. He also raised concerns about traffic along Keystone Avenue.

4. ELECTED OFFICIALS' COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Bachner gave a land acknowledgment.

Trustee Gillis highlighted Indigenous Peoples' Day and Italian Heritage Month.

She also highlighted the start of leaf pickup and reminded residents that leaf piles should contain leaves only, not lawn clippings, branches or other materials.

Trustee Brennan acknowledged Indigenous Peoples' Day, thanked Director Bielak for attending following the birth of his son and congratulated him on the birth. She also asked staff to add the 2027 meeting schedule to the Village calendar to assist with planning next year's schedule.

Trustee O'Connell highlighted the Senior Bingo event and Fire Department Open House and encouraged residents to sign up for Fire Department Community Connect.

President Adduci wished everyone a happy Indigenous Peoples' Day and Columbus Day and noted her attendance at the Columbus Day Parade in Chicago. She also highlighted a recent successful Casual Conversation event, thanked the team for its work on Senior Bingo, and reminded residents of Halloween hours.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – September 14th, 2026
- b. Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – September 28th, 2026
- c. Monthly Department Reports
- d. Intergovernmental Agreement Approval – Chicago Transit Authority Reimbursements – Resolution
- e. Accounts Payable – September 2026 – \$1,981,324.18
- f. Financial Report – September 2026

Trustee Brennan requested that consent agenda item 5.a be pulled for separate consideration.

MOTION by Trustee O'Connell, seconded by Trustee Vazquez, to approve Consent Agenda Items b through f.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees O'Connell, Bachner, Vazquez, Gillis, and Brennan

Nays: None

Absent: Keskitalo

Motion Passes.

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION

- a. Village Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes – September 14th, 2026

MOTION by Trustee O'Connell, seconded by Trustee Vazquez, to approve consent agenda item 5.a.

Trustee Brennan questioned why the revisions she had provided to staff were not incorporated into the meeting minutes. Village Administrator Walsh and Village Clerk Castellano explained the rationale for the existing wording.

The Board and staff discussed the previous week's meeting minutes and agreed that minutes should be summary in nature, capturing key actions and discussions rather than providing a verbatim account. Trustee Brennan and Clerk Castellano agreed to revise portions of Trustee Brennan's comments from the September 14, 2026, Village Board meeting.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees O'Connell, Bachner, Vazquez, Gillis, and Brennan

Nays: None

Absent: Keskitalo

Motion Passes.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS OF BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Presentation and Acceptance of FY2026 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

MOTION by Trustee Vazquez, seconded by Trustee O'Connell, to Accept the Village's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2026.

Finance Director Rosemary McAdams presented the report and fielded a question from the Board.

Martha Trotter, Sikich LLP, presented the report.

Trustee Brennan and other Board members thanked Finance Director McAdams and Assistant Finance Director Boyer for their work and acknowledged their upcoming retirements.

Roll call:

Ayes: Trustees O'Connell, Bachner, Vazquez, Gillis, and Brennan

Nays: None

Absent: Keskitalo

Motion Passes.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn by Trustee O'Connell, seconded by Trustee Bachner.

Roll call:

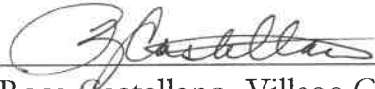
Ayes: Trustees O'Connell, Bachner, Vazquez, Gillis, and Brennan

Nays: None

Absent: Keskitalo

Motion Passes.

The Village Board of Trustees Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.



Rosa Castellano, Village Clerk

Date: 10/26/2026